

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 719
By Beavers

A RESOLUTION to congratulate the fair board members, staff, and volunteers of the Wilson County Fair upon earning the distinction of 2003 Champion of Champions.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it fitting to pay tribute to those events that provide education and entertainment to the citizens of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the Wilson County Fair is one such event, which was recently honored with the 2003 Champion of Champions Award; and

WHEREAS, only through the diligent work and true dedication of the staff members and 462 volunteers and the support of businesses, civic groups, and organizations throughout Wilson County and beyond could the Wilson County Fair have reached such levels of continued success; and

WHEREAS, committed to growth and improvement, in 2003, the Wilson County Fair added more advertising in surrounding counties, increased entertainment and craftsmen, and improved parking, yet continued to focus on agriculture and clean family fun; and

WHEREAS, the staff of the Wilson County Fair, in conjunction with this year's 462 volunteers, contributed almost 48,000 hours throughout the year in order to assure the success of the event; and

WHEREAS, Wilson County's Master Gardeners donated over 1,400 hours to planting, weeding, and maintaining more than 1,400 flowers and plants that adorned the fairgrounds; and

WHEREAS, a number of civic groups and businesses in the area cooperated with fair organizers to offer a wide range of participatory events, all of which were greatly enjoyed by fairgoers, including lawn tractor races, helicopter rides, and God & Country Day activities honoring the military; and

WHEREAS, patrons were encouraged to learn through such exhilarating live demonstrations as a Civil War encampment, ham cookery, honey extraction, daily live radio remotes, cooking shows, and chili and barbecue cookoffs--using mouth-watering Tennessee products; and

WHEREAS, as part of the continuing efforts to expand and enhance the Wilson County Fair, over the past year, organizers constructed two new ticket booths and several new connector roadways enabling better parking and traffic flow for the fair's 360,000 visitors, updated the electrical system for the agricultural grounds, laid many electrical lines underground, rewired facilities in livestock areas and barns to accommodate stock fans and grooming equipment for livestock shoes, and installed new ceiling fans in the pageant pavilion; and

WHEREAS, the award of the 2003 Champion of Champions recognizes the continuous efforts of the Wilson County Fair toward improvement and success; throughout its history, the Wilson County Fair has received numerous awards and honors, including being named State Champion in 1986, Sweepstakes in 1989, Division Champion 1991, Champion of Champions 1992 and 1993, Division Champion 1997 and 1999, Champion of Champions 2000, and Division Champion 2002; and

WHEREAS, in addition to capturing the top prize of the Champion of Champions contest, the Wilson County Fair garnered several other awards, including Pieced Quilt, Fair Shirt with Collar, Pick Tennessee Photo, Scrapbook AAA, Fair Tee Shirt, Envelope, Fair Brochure, Letterhead, Show Bill, and Pick Tennessee Products Display at Fair; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this Body pause to acknowledge and applaud the hard work and dedication of the Fair's staff and volunteers in their ceaseless endeavors to improve the week-long occasion for education and entertainment that is the Wilson County Fair; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend the fair board members, staff, and volunteers of the Wilson County Fair for their tremendous service to the people of Wilson

County, congratulate them upon the fair's most deserved recognition as the 2003 Champion of Champions, and extend our wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.